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member or former member of a uniformed service when employed in a position.

(b) Coverage. This subpart and section 5532 of title 5, United States Code, apply to each department and agency (including each corporation owned or controlled by the Government of the United States and including non-appropriated fund instrumentalities under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces) in the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of the Government of the United States and to the government of the District of Columbia.

[44 FR 44814, July 31, 1979]

§550.602 Definitions.

In this subpart:

"Member", "position", and "retired or retainer pay" have the meanings given those terms by section 5531 of title 5, United States Code.

 ${\it Officer}$ means commissioned or warrant officer.

Uniformed services means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service.

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§ 550.603 Administrative responsibilities.

- (a) *Uniformed services pay centers*. Uniformed services pay centers are responsible for determining the amount of military retired or retainer pay to be withheld.
- (b) *Employing agencies*. (1) Federal agencies are responsible for notifying the appropriate uniformed service pay center concerning the Federal civilian pay of retired members according to instructions provided in the Federal Personnel Manual.
- (2) If an agency believes that exception to the reduction in retired or retainer pay required by section 5532 of title 5, United States Code, is justified in an individual case based on an emergency posing direct and immediate threat to life or property or on exceptional difficulty in recruiting or retaining a qualified candidate for a position, the agency may submit a request to OPM or approve an exception under

delegated authority from OPM as provided in part 553 of this chapter. The agency is responsible for notifying the appropriate uniformed service finance center of any approved exception.

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Subpart G—Severance Pay

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§550.701 Introduction.

This subpart contains regulations of the Office of Personnel Management to implement the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 5595. These regulations authorize severance pay for employees who are involuntarily separated from Federal service and who meet other conditions of eligibility.

§ 550.702 Coverage.

Except as provided in 5 U.S.C. 5595(a)(2) (i) through (viii), this subpart applies to each full-time or part-time employee; that is, an employee with a regularly scheduled tour of duty who is serving under a qualifying appointment, as defined in §550.703.

§ 550.703 Definitions.

In this subpart:

Agency means an agency as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5595(a)(1), except the government of the District of Columbia.

Commuting area means the geographic area surrounding a work site that encompasses the localities where people live and reasonably can be expected to travel back and forth daily to work, as established by the employing agency based on the generally held expectations of the local community. When an employee's residence is within the standard commuting area for a work site, the work site is within the employee's commuting area. When an employee's residence is outside the standard commuting area for a proposed new work site, the employee's commuting area is deemed to include the expanded area surrounding the employee's residence and including all destinations that can be reached via a commuting